

It's worth noting that some of those raises were for promotions, not just for the regular yearly increases.

"To be clear, in the past year, the average salary of a White House employee went down, the total number of White House staffers went down, and the total amount spent on White House salaries went down. If pay increases were issued, they were given for a variety of reasons, ranging from promotions to additional work responsibilities," Schultz said.

Most employee survey data, like these by The Conference Project, projected about 3 percent raises on average for employees nationwide this year.

The White House is of course a different entity than the private sector so it's hard to exactly do an apples to apples comparison.

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REPUBLICAN MOCKS WHITE HOUSE SALARIES
(By Judy Kurtz)

A Republican congressman on Wednesday criticized the White House for paying staffers too much in salary.

"I guess there's just so much greatness when you're associated with this White House that you deserve to be paid more," Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) said. "Let's face it, when you're a dictator, you need to be paid more."

Gohmert made clear his remark was meant to be sarcastic. However, he criticized the White House for paying 141 aides more than \$100,000 per year. A report from the White House released Friday listed the salaries of 454 employees and showed that no staffer is paid less than \$40,000.

"It sounds like the only thing that's truly shovel-ready is all the bull that they've been feeding to us over the last two and a half years," Gohmert said on the Fox News Business channel. "That needs to be shoveled out in a hurry."

Gohmert also slammed a White House stimulus report released last Friday that asserted the stimulus created as many as 3.6 million jobs in the first quarter of 2011.

"Who would ever dream that paying people \$175,000 in the White House would be a bargain compared to how much they're paying to create private sector jobs," Gohmert said. "[President Obama] has squandered so much money that you've heard the sucking sound coming from the private sector."

Republicans claim the stimulus paid out \$278,000 for every job it created. The White House called that a "false analysis."

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CAMPBELL (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of attending, in his role as cochairman of the Congressional United Kingdom Caucus, a working reception in his home State of California, in honor of their Royal Highnesses, The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 11, 2011, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2338. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Modification of the Rules and Regulations [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-11-0024; FV11-946-31R] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2339. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Sorghum Promotion, Research and Information Program; State Referendum Results [AMS-LS-11-0040] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2340. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2011-2012 Marketing Year [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-10-0094; FV11-985-1 FR] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2341. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes [Doc. #: AMS-FV-08-0023] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2342. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Organic Program; Amendment to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (Livestock) [Document Number: AMS-NOP-10-005; NOP-10-04FR] (RIN: 0581-AD04) received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2343. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Softwood Lumber Research, Promotion, Consumer Education and Industry Information Order [Document Number: AMS-FV-10-0015; PR-A2] (RIN: 0581-AD03) received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2344. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Fresh Prunes Grown in Designated Counties in Washington and in Umatilla County, OR; Termination of Marketing Order 924 [Docket No.: AMS-FV-10-0053; FV10-924-1 FR] received June 13, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2345. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] received June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2346. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] received June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2347. A letter from the Deputy to the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Securities of Nonmember Insured Banks (RIN: 3064-AD67) received June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2348. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, trans-

mitting the third annual report on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2349. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the former Librarian regime of Charles Taylor that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2350. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting extension of the waiver of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, Pub. L. 107-511, with respect to assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2351. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the forty-fourth Semiannual Report to Congress on Audit Follow-Up, covering the six month period ending March 31, 2011 in compliance with the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2352. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank Topeka, transmitting the 2010 Statements on System of Internal Controls of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

2353. A letter from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — West Virginia Regulatory Program [WV-117-FOR; OSM-2011-0006] received June 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2354. A letter from the Assistant Secretary — Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2010 Report to Congress on the Contract Support Costs of Self-Determination Awards; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2355. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Red Snapper Management Measures [Docket No.: 101124579-1236-02] (RIN: 0648-BA51) received June 1, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2356. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition on behalf of workers from the Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company (i.e., Building 23 and the Dean Street facility) in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2357. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on a petition on behalf of workers from the Bliss & Laughlin Steel Company located at 110 Hopkins Street, Buffalo, New York to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), pursuant to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2358. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination on